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House Bill 5101 - An Act Concerning Licensing Requirements for Certain Types of Public Pools

The Department of Public Health (DPH) provides the following information regarding House Bill 5101, which mandates that Title 19a of the general statutes be amended to establish specific licensing requirements for therapeutic pools, hydrotherapy pools and other flotation vessels.

The Department is unclear about the intent of the bill to establish a licensing and fee structure for therapeutic pools, hydrotherapy pools and other flotation vessels. Currently, the Department does not license or charge a licensing fee for these types of pools or the other types of pools as defined in in Section 19-13-B33b of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

However, section 19a-36(7)(b) of the CT General Statutes allows the DPH to charge fees specifically for pool plan reviews and conformance inspections. A conformance inspection is conducted upon the completion of a pool's construction to ensure that the public pool was constructed in accordance with the DPH approved plan and specifications. Currently, the Department charges: \$750 for the review of plans for a public pool, \$250 for the review of a resubmitted plan for a public pool, \$200 for an inspection of a public pool and \$100 dollars for the re-inspection of a public pool. Once the public pool is approved by the DPH for use and is operational, the local health departments/districts perform routine inspections to ensure compliance with the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and may issue local permits and licenses, as applicable, as part of that inspection process.

Thank you for your consideration of the DPH's comments on this bill.